

2007-2008

WATERFOWL SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE:

SEASON DATES: September 1 – September 25

BAG LIMIT: 5 daily, 10 in possession

HUNT AREA: Statewide

SHOOTING HOURS: September 1 – 15: ½ hr before sunrise to ½ hr **after** sunset.
September 17 – 25: ½ hr before sunrise **to** sunset

SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON:

SEASON DATES: September 17 – September 26

HUNT AREA: East of I - 95

BAG LIMIT: 4 daily, 8 in possession (any combination of Blue-winged and Green-winged teal)

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

GENERAL DUCK SEASON:

SEASON DATES: October 4-8 (Black Duck closed)
October 20 Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day
Nov. 17 – Dec. 1
Dec. 8 – Jan. 26

BAG LIMIT: Daily Bag limit of 5 ducks which may include no more than 4 mallards (which may include no more than 2 hen mallards), 4 scoters, 2 redheads, 2 wood ducks, 2 scaup, 2 canvasback, 1 pintail, 1 black duck (except closed during Oct 4 - Oct 8), 1 mottled duck, and 1 fulvous whistling duck. Closed season on Harlequin duck. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

MERGANSEER SEASON:

Option A

SEASON DATES: October 4-8
 Nov. 17 – Dec. 1
 Dec. 8 – Jan. 26

BAG LIMIT: 5 birds daily, of which only 2 birds may be a hooded merganser
 (10 in possession, only 4 of which may be hooded mergansers)

SPECIAL SEA DUCK (SCOTER, LONG-TAILED DUCK, AND EIDER) SEASON:

(in Sea Duck Zone**)

SEASON DATES: October 4 - January 26

BAG LIMIT: 7 birds per day (14 in possession), but may include no more
 than 4 scoters (8 in possession)

** Sea Duck Zone: Those waters at a distance greater than 800 yards from any shore, island or emergent vegetation in the following area: the ocean waters of Virginia, the tidal waters of Northampton and Accomack Counties, and the Chesapeake Bay and each of its tributaries up to the first highway bridge. Back Bay and its tributaries are not included in the Sea Duck Zone.

COOT, GALLINULE & MOORHEN SEASONS:

COOT:

SEASON DATES: October 4-8
 Nov. 17 – Dec. 1
 Dec. 8 – Jan. 26

BAG LIMIT: 15 daily (30 in possession)

GALLINULE/MOORHEN:

SEASON DATES: October 4-8
 Nov. 17 – Dec. 1
 Dec. 8 – Jan. 26

BAG LIMIT: 15 daily (30 in possession)

CANADA GOOSE SEASON:

WESTERN ZONE:

SEASON DATES:

Regular Season: November 17 - December 1
December 15 - January 14

Extended Season: January 15 – February 15

BAG LIMIT: 2 geese/day: Nov 17 - Dec 1, and Dec 15 - Jan 14
5 geese/day: Jan 15 - Feb 15

SHOOTING HOURS: 1/2-hour before sunrise until sunset daily

ATLANTIC POPULATION ZONE:

SEASON DATES: November 17 – December 1
December 21 - January 26

BAG LIMIT: 2 geese per day

SHOOTING HOURS: 1/2-hour before sunrise until sunset daily

BACK BAY :

SEASON DATES: December 24 – January 26

BAG LIMIT: 2 geese per day

SHOOTING HOURS: 1/2-hour before sunrise until sunset daily

SNOW GOOSE AND ATLANTIC BRANT SEASON:

SNOW GOOSE:

SEASON DATES: November 1 – December 1
December 8 – March 10
BAG LIMIT: 15 birds daily (no possession limit)

ATLANTIC BRANT:

SEASON DATES: November 24 – December 1
December 8 - January 26
BAG LIMIT: 2 birds daily (4 in possession)

TUNDRA SWAN SEASON:

SEASON DATES: December 1 - January 31

BAG LIMIT: One per permittee per season

HUNT AREA: All counties and portions of counties lying east of U.S. Route I-95 and south of the Prince William/Stafford county line in Chopawamsic Creek at Quantico Marine Corps Base.

NOTE: The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) will issue no more than 600 swan hunting permits to holders of a valid Virginia hunting license. Only hunters with a valid 2007-2008 tundra swan hunting permit issued by VDGIF shall be authorized to hunt tundra swans. Each permittee will be authorized to take one tundra swan during the season. Swan hunting permits are non-transferable and are valid for use only by the person to whom issued. Permits must be in the immediate possession of the permittee while swan hunting. Immediately at the time and place of kill, successful hunters must cancel their swan-hunting permit by permanently recording the month and day of kill and by attaching it to the swan as instructed on the permit. The VDGIF is required to obtain hunter participation and harvest information to offer this Tundra Swan hunting season. Hunters are required to complete the accompanying tundra swan hunt questionnaire and return it to the address listed on the questionnaire at the end of your hunt. Those who fail to return a completed questionnaire by February 15, 2008 are ineligible for future drawings

Canada Goose Zones

The dividing line between the **Atlantic Population** and

Western Canada Goose Zones is as follows:

The Stafford/King George County line from the Potomac River south to the Rappahannock River, then west along the Stafford County line to Interstate 95, then south along Interstate 95 to Route 460 in Petersburg, then southeast along Route 460 to Route 32 in the City of Suffolk, then south along Route 32 to the North Carolina border.

Back Bay Canada Goose Zone

The waters of Back Bay and its tributaries and the marshes adjacent thereto, and on the land and marshes between Back Bay and the Atlantic Ocean from Sandbridge to the North Carolina line, and on and along the shore of North Landing River and the marshes adjacent thereto, and on and along the shores of Binson Inlet Lake (formerly known as Lake Tecumseh) and Red Wing Lake and the marshes adjacent thereto.

Note: Federal regulations require that the Department evaluate the size and composition of the Canada goose harvest in Back Bay.

The Department is asking

hunters for their cooperation by submitting feathers from geese they shoot during this season. Information on Back Bay geese and how you can assist is available on the Department's Web site (www.dgif.virginia.gov) or you can contact the Department at 804 829-6580.

